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**RESOLVED**: Standing Order for the Stated Meeting of the Convention IV.4.(d) (duties of the Resolutions Committee) is amended as follows:

- (d) The duties of the Resolutions Committee shall be:
  - 1. to resolve duplicative or substantially similar motions into a single motion, in consultation with the movers of said motions;
  - 2. to make such editorial or stylistic corrections as do not affect the substance of motions, in order to improve clarity or intent of said motions, such corrections to be reported to the movers to ensure that no distortion of the intended meaning has occurred;
  - 3. <u>to insure that each resolution submitted to Convention includes</u> <u>an identified individual or Diocesan body that will be</u> <u>responsible for administering the resolution;</u>
  - 34. to hold hearings on proposed resolutions at strategic locations around the Diocese;
  - 45. if the Resolutions Committee considers it desirable, to refer proposed resolutions to Committees or Commissions having responsibility for the subject matter of the resolutions and charge any such Committee or Commission to report to the following Convention with recommendations for the disposition of such resolutions (which may include substitute or amended resolutions dealing with the same subject matter) (*Adopted November 6, 1993*); and
  - 56. to report all motions to Convention **other than those referred to in the previous subparagraph**. Such report may contain one of the following recommendations:
    - a. that the motion be adopted;
    - b. that the motion be rejected;

- c. that the motion be reported to the floor without recommendation;
- d. that the motion by referred to an appropriate Committee (*Adopted November 13, 1992*)

In the case of a, b & d, the Committee on Resolutions shall state the reason for its recommendation. It will not be necessary to do so if the motion is reported without recommendation. (*Adopted November 13, 1992*)

## **EXPLANATION**

When we gather as convention and direct the Diocese to advance our mission in specific ways we want to know that those directions are carried out effectively and in a timely manner. To this end, resolutions should specify who is responsible for carrying out what is proposed. For example, by framing this resolution as an amendment to the duties of the Resolutions Committee we insure that it will be the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to carry it out.